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PRESIDENT OF COLLEGE GETS VETERAN DEAN

KATHERINE FOSTER ROBERTS HAS HAD EIGHT YEARS OF VALUABLE EXPERIENCE.

Will Also Act As English Instructor

President H. M. Crooks of Alma College announced Monday that the College had secured Mrs. Katherine Foster Roberts, as dean of women at Wright Hall. She will also be an instructor in English.

Mrs. Roberts, who arrived in Alma Tuesday to begin her new work, comes to the College highly recommended as a dean and as an instructor in English.

She is a graduate of the University of Chicago and has her master's degree from that university. She has also had two years more of graduate work at Chicago, Cornell and John Hopkins Universities.

Since that time she has had a wide teaching experience. She has been at Buffalo, N. Y., high school, Boise, Idaho, high school, and has had eight years experience as dean of women at Tennessee College and at the South East Missouri State Teachers' College.

Her husband had charge of the science department at the South East Missouri State Teachers' College up to the time of his death.

By reason of her wide experience of eight years of dean of women and her still wider experience as an instructor in English Mrs. Roberts is peculiarly fitted for the position at Alma College and it is believed that she will prove a worthy successor to the late Dean Elizabeth M. Roberts.

School Children Sell Many Poppies

The Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion staged the sale of the poppies in commemoration of Flanders' Field to aid in the observance of Armistice Day which proved a huge success, six hundred of these flowers being sold and that not satisfying the demand. Though necessity compelled the use of the artificial flowers, these were put out in such beautiful imitation of the real poppy that they attracted considerable attention and admiration.

Aside from the temporary use of the flower for Armistice Day, however, was the use made of this occasion to review before the children the real meaning of that day, as we find there are already among the smaller children, many who do not know the significance of the celebration, due probably to the fact that the war was not brought personally to their own homes and, being so young during that awful time, the impressions made from what little they did learn of the then current events, have faded from their memories.

To this end a quantity of the poppies were taken to the school and brought to the attention of the children with proper explanations after which they were eager to help in the sale for the benefit for our soldiers and sailors. Their enthusiasm won them great success inasmuch as the 5th A grade sold about 400 poppies, much to their delight and satisfaction and to the gratitude of the Women's Auxiliary and eventually to the comfort of the men now serving time in pain and disease in our various hospitals.

Again we thank the children. (Contributed)

GOLDEN WEDDING

November 8, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bradner of this city celebrated their golden wedding at their home at 923½ Pine avenue. Among the out-of-town guests at their golden wedding anniversary were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bradner of St. Johns, Walter Wyckoff of St. Johns, Ida Dunning of Jackson, Chester Perrigo of Lockport, N. Y., Charles Perrigo, Ray Perrigo, Lester Perrigo, and Mr. and Mrs. Orin Richards of St. Louis, and Emma Carty of Ithaca.

SUMMER FARMER DEAD

Zurial Peter Forest, Summer township farmer, died Saturday, November 12, at the age of 70 years. The funeral services were held at the late home Tuesday morning, November 15, Rev. W. L. Gelston officiating. Interment was made in Riverside cemetery.

LEGAL HOLIDAY

Thursday, November 24th (Thanksgiving Day) being a legal holiday the Alma post office will be closed all day. No city or rural deliveries. Vincent P. Cash, Postmaster.

Beekeepers to Hold A State Meeting

The annual meeting of the Michigan Beekeepers Association will be held in Lansing on Dec. 1, 2 and 3, according to announcement of R. H. Ketyl, secretary of the Association, and bee specialist at the Michigan Agricultural College.

"A record attendance is expected at this meeting on account of the splendid crop which has prevailed in many portions of the state this year," says Mr. Ketyl. "Most of the speakers at the convention will center their remarks around 'marketing,' in view of the fact that this question is of prime interest to bee men at present. The market is lower than it has been for the past two years, and the matter of marketing is unusually important at this time."

A feature of the program will be an address on the "Needs of Cooperative Marketing" by Prof. H. F. Wilson, of the University of Wisconsin. Professor Wilson is considered a national authority on honey marketing questions. Geo. W. Dail, Manager of the Michigan Honey Producers Exchange is scheduled to discuss various angles of the marketing situation, while half a dozen other nationally known apian specialists will come before the convention during its three day session.

SON IS HELD BY OFFICERS

BELIEVE THAT R. CHAMPLAIN KNOWS SOMETHING ABOUT PARENTS' DEATH.

Richard Champlain, 22 years of age, is being held by Saginaw county officials pending a complete investigation into the death of the young man's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian B. Champlain, whose dead bodies were found on a bed in the ruins of their home near Hemlock Monday evening.

Young Champlain told the officers that he was awakened Monday night by the crackling of the flames, which destroyed the house, and that he threw his trunk from a window in his room and then jumped to the ground. Tuesday evening when questioned closely by detectives at the Saginaw jail, he clung closely to his original story.

He claims that the last time that he saw his parents was about 8:00 o'clock that evening, when he retired. At that time he said they were sitting around the stove talking, and that he went directly to bed, leaving them there.

Officers believe that the bed on which the bodies of the two were found had been saturated by kerosene, and that the fire was started to cover up a double murder, as there is every evidence that the two were killed.

A hammer was found close to the bed in the room, with the handle burned off. Blood was found on young Champlain's arm and when asked to explain it by the officers claimed that he had had a nose bleed shortly after the fire. Two other matters have come to the attention of the authorities which lead to the belief that Richard Champlain may have some knowledge of the death of his parents. A neighbor claims that Champlain came to his house for aid Monday night at the time of the fire, and that he was not running. He said, also, that Champlain was fully dressed. Officers have also found that he would inherit all of his parents' property in case of their death, as the father had threatened in the spring, when his daughter married, against his wishes, to cut her off. It is said that relations between father and son were not of the best.

Young China Is Sunday Lecture

In these days when the thought of all our people is turning to the conference on the limitation of armaments at Washington, a lecture which is to be presented at the Presbyterian church this coming Sunday evening should prove especially interesting. The lecture is to be given under the auspices of the Fortnightly Society of the church and is entitled "Young China's Problems." It will be fully illustrated by stereopticon slides.

One of the troublesome questions which the conference at Washington will face is that which the representatives of the Chinese government will introduce when they openly ask for the guarantee of their country's rights. Few people in America have any clear idea as to what the need and present circumstances of China are and the lecture referred to should give helpful information along this line.

ALMA RETAIL MERCHANTS HOLD ANOTHER SALE

ANOTHER FESTIVAL OF BAR-GAINS IS BEING OFFERED BY BUSINESS MEN.

Sale Is To Last For Seven Days

Another big sale is underway by the Retail Merchants Bureau of the Alma Chamber of Commerce, nearly all of the retail merchants of Alma making some big inducements for the people of central Michigan to come to this city to make their purchases during the week, November 16 to November 23.

Alma merchants, believing that this city is the logical merchandising center for the territory within a radius of forty to eighty miles of the Metropolis of Gratiot county, which is the largest city within the roughly drawn circle, embracing over 4,000 square miles of territory, are offering staple and seasonal goods to the residents of this territory at prices which harken to the pre-war days.

The merchants believe that with Alma the largest city within this district that the facilities for trading here, and the much greater buying power that Alma merchants have, should enable them to offer a greater variety of goods at much lower prices than can be given where the purchasing power of the dealers, in the smaller communities, is much less than it is here.

The 20,000 six page circulars, which have come from The Record presses during the past few days, call the attention of the people of this territory that Alma also offers them a good market for their produce and tells them to bring their goods to Alma frequently.

This is the second trade extension sale offered by the Retail Merchants Bureau of this city, and the six page sale bulletin which has gone out to the people of the territory in this section of central Michigan, should be read with interest as it calls attention to some fine bargains, which are backed up by the Retail Merchants Bureau of Alma as being the values that they are represented to be.

NEW PROPRIETORS AT ARCADE HOTEL

BEALS DISPOSES OF INTERESTS AT THIS HOTEL TO PARTIES FROM MIDDLETON.

Announcement was made this morning that Mr. and Mrs. Alva Beals have sold out their restaurant and lease of the Arcade hotel to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie of Middleton, who have already taken possession of both the hotel and restaurant, which is known as The Tiffin Cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie have had considerable hotel and restaurant experience and should prove capable successors to Mr. and Mrs. Beals.

Mr. Beals secured the lease on the Arcade hotel some few months ago and at that time moved the Tiffin Cafe to the hotel block, and since September 1, the two have been conducted together under his management. Mr. Beals had conducted the Tiffin Cafe for a period of nearly two years. He has not yet decided as to his immediate future.

WORDEN BOUND OVER

Ollie Worden of this city, who was recently arrested, charged with having in his possession, furnishing and selling liquor, was bound over to circuit court for trial at his examination held Saturday before William H. Rogers, justice of the peace. When arraigned Worden entered a plea of not guilty. Bail was set by Rogers at \$2,000, which was furnished. Worden Saturday expressed a desire for a speedy trial and it is understood that an attempt will be made to get the case up at the present term of circuit court.

UNION SERVICES

Next Thursday morning at 10 o'clock the people of the city are invited to attend the Union Thanksgiving services to be held in the Christian church. Rev. M. W. Duffey of the Methodist church will be the speaker. The service has been arranged by the Federation of Churches of this city.

Eat Model Bakery Pastries and be happy.—16-17

Children's Book Week at Library

Children's book week at the Alma Free Reading room is bringing results, a goodly number of books for children of various ages having been presented to the reading room so far this week and the committee of the Civic Improvement League which has charge of the library, is in hopes and a number of other books will be given before the week comes to an end.

The great popularity of the reading room and the children's books is best shown soon after school hours, when scores of children of the city flock to the reading room, where they know that good books are to be obtained, and where they can pass away the idle moments with the best that literature offers for the people of their age.

Every book that is presented to the reading room this week, in addition to being a source of pleasure and information for the youngsters of the city is aiding just that much in bringing closer the day when Alma will have a real public library.

Almost every home has a few choice children's books which have outlived, or practically outlived their usefulness in that home as the youngsters have passed the age where they appreciate them. Given to the reading room they will continue to fill the desire for the children for years to come yet.

Children's book week comes to a close Saturday. During the time a large number of new books are being received which are located in the windows and on the tables in the front of the reading room, where the public may get a chance to inspect them. None of the new books will be loaned out until Saturday afternoon. After that time they may be procured the same as the other books.

MASS MEETING ARMISTICE DAY

PEOPLE OF CITY GATHERED AT NOON TO REMEMBER HERO DEAD IN THE WAR.

Alma's observance of Armistice Day, November 11, was done quietly, but reverently, a mass meeting at the Strand Theatre at noon Friday bringing forth the city's prayers on the departed heroes of the war and their families and bringing forth the hope that is expressed in millions of minds—success to the pending conference for the limitation of armaments.

The stores of the city closed promptly at 12:00 o'clock noon, for an hour in order that the clerks and others might have full opportunity to attend the meeting. At 12:15 college students and faculty marched into the theatre and took seats reserved for them.

With Rev. M. W. Duffey, acting as chairman of the meeting the audience came to its feet and sang, "America." Rev. E. E. Shouffer read those scripture passages that are now the hope of the world, that promise a world-wide lasting peace.

Following a prayer by Rev. Hull, Mrs. Joseph McKenzie rendered a beautiful and appropriate solo.

The Rev. Joseph Green of Mount Pleasant, one of the best known speakers of this part of the state then gave a short address, in which he called attention to the terrible losses in the great World war in men and money, of the heavy taxes that the nations of the world are laboring under as a result of the struggle. Then he called attention to the conference to open in Washington on Saturday for the limitation of armaments, and of the great necessity that there is for the conference to find some way out of the burden of taxation that is weighing down the countries of the world, which can only come through the limitation of armaments—the giving up of the race for war preparedness and supremacy.

The mass meeting closed with the benediction by Rev. Mellott of the Free Methodist church.

O. E. S. Play Well Attended

The musical revue, "Fads and Fancies of 1921" given Tuesday evening by the O. E. S. of this city at the Strand theatre, was well appreciated by the large audience that witnessed the production.

From start to finish there was not an idle moment in the entire revue, and the ten different scenes constantly brought out new treats for the audience. The audience was taken rapidly from ancient Greece to Egypt and flowery Japan during the revue, special lighting effects and specially designed costumes aiding greatly in making the production the success that it was.

THE COMMUNITY LYCEUM COURSE OPENED MONDAY

THREE ACT COMEDY, "THE MOLLUSC," WITH CHARMING SITUATIONS, DELIGHTFUL.

Large Crowd Was Present at Play

Seldom have Alma theatre and Lyceum goers had such a rare treat as that which was given them Monday evening when the first number of the 1921-22 Community Lyceum Course, "The Mollusc," was presented in the high school auditorium, before a crowd that literally taxed the capacity of the large room, in which numerous chairs, in addition to the regular seats were used to provide room for the people who were desirous of witnessing the production.

The famous three act comedy, "The Mollusc," which had two seasons in New York, a splendid road tour of the country, and which proved a sensation in London, proved a magnet for Alma people, there being a big demand for single admissions in addition to the season tickets that had been sold. As the advance notices predicted, it proved to be a jewel among comedies and kept the big audience in a cheerful, smiling mood from the rise of the curtain for the first act, until "The Mollusc" made a complete recovery at the end of the third act and the final curtain descended.

Mrs. Baxter, the principal character of Hubert Henry Davies' comedy, is a human mollusc, enjoying the luxury of attendance upon her slightest wish and whim. The governess is enjoined to accompany Mr. Baxter on his walks or where his fancy may lead him, that Mrs. Baxter might not be compelled to leave home. Baxter gradually finds the governess, Miss Roberts, indispensable to him, and the affair is getting serious, although Miss Roberts has no affection for him. Tom Kemp, Mrs. Baxter's brother, comes along, puts himself to the task of curing the mollusc, and averting the affair between Baxter and Miss Roberts. The wife finally sees the gravity of the situation and restores love and order to a house about to fall. Kemp falls in love with Miss Roberts during the action of the comedy, but is opposed by both of the Baxters. In the end, however, Kemp wins.

BLAKE GAVE TWO GOOD ADDRESSES

BISHOP FROM FRANCE SPOKE TWICE SUNDAY AT THE M. E. CHURCH.

Bishop Edgar Blake of Paris, gave two very able addresses Sunday at the First Methodist Episcopal church of this city, one in the morning, at which he discussed at some length the work in his area, or district, and one in the evening when he took up the conditions in France and made a strong appeal for the refunding of the French debt to this country.

He said that the idea of the divine rights of kings in Europe was rapidly becoming a thing of the past in Europe, and even in his area, which embraces many of the countries of southern Europe, including France, Spain, Italy, and other Mediterranean countries.

He also spoke of the advance that was being made by Methodism in these countries and the prospects for the future of not only Methodism, but the other protestant branches in those countries.

In the evening Bishop Blake spoke in regard to the conditions that are confronting the country of France. He made an especially strong appeal for the refunding by the American government of the money loaned to France by this country. He said that the moral issue of the war was as great in 1914, as it was in 1917, and that while this country was hesitating France was fighting our battles. She gave her choicest sons, he said, and America should be willing to give a little of her money. He reviewed somewhat the great debt of the French nation, and spoke highly of the courageous spirit of the French people in spite of the great national debt that confronts them.

Spend Thanksgiving Day with us at the Strand—"The Old Nest"—advertisement.

Christian Endeavor Society Elects

At a recent meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church, the following officers were elected: President, J. Thomas Dasef; vice president, Helen Platt; recording secretary, Pauline Swift; treasurer, Forest Freeman; corresponding secretary, Dorothy Allen.

Committee chairmen for the various committees were selected as follows: Prayer meeting, Margaret Poole; social, Helen Scott; missionary, Grace Beshgetoor; lookout, Kenneth Manwaring; financial, Forest Freeman; publicity, Jack Eckles; Susie Miller.

GO TO SAGINAW TUESDAY

Alma Lodge No. 244 F. & A. M. has been invited to Saginaw Tuesday evening, November 22, by Saginaw Lodge No. 77, which will confer the third degree. It is expected that many members of the local lodge will take advantage of the invitation. Those who go will leave the local temple at 4:45 p. m. Tuesday.

HEAR ARCH DEACON JERMINE

Arch Deacon Jermine of Bay City will speak at the Episcopal church next Sunday morning at 10 a. m. and also in the evening at 7 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to come and hear him.

LIBRARY SHOWS SPLENDID GROWTH

CIVIC LEAGUE READING ROOM IS BEING VISITED BY MANY PEOPLE.

Probably few people of Alma, except those closely in touch with the institution, realize just how important to the community the Alma Library, or free reading room conducted by the Alma Civic Improvement League, in the city hall, has become. Figures show that those who visited the place last month numbered 3,381.

This is one of the chief reasons why the library committee has been making every effort in the securing of new books, to secure those that are best fitted for the needs of the public here. It was to this end that the committee enlisted the services of Miss Edith Cook, a Cleveland librarian, when she was home on her vacation last summer, to render her aid in promoting the success of the library. Her work and that of another Cleveland specialist, whom Miss Cook interested in the library, secured recommendations as to the best books for the library, and the committee is now making efforts in its purchase of new books to secure those that are thus recommended by people in a position to know the needs well.

Such has been the growth of the library that the services of more than one person are now needed to handle the work, which includes the loaning of books, aiding in looking up references, etc., in addition to the former duties when books were not being loaned and the service did not include looking up references, etc.

With the continuance for the coming few years of the strides that the library or reading room has made, this city will have the promise of a real public library of which it may well be proud.

WELFARE SOCIETY MEETS

The Welfare Society met Thursday p. m. of last week at the Wright House Parlors. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Henry Soule. After the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, Mrs. Soule announced that the regular annual meeting would be held the first Wednesday afternoon in December at 3:30 o'clock at which time the annual election of officers will take place.

The treasurer then gave a very interesting report showing the expenditures of last year to be something over \$800.00. Mrs. Fuller reported nineteen families who were assisted last year to food and clothing. \$332.32 have been raised this fall in the flour drive and baked goods sales together with a few donations.

The Welfare Society rooms will be open again starting Saturday of last week from 2 to 6 o'clock on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. The society is much in need of children's shoes and partially worn underclothing which can be made over. The same general plan will be carried out this year as was carried out last year, with an investigating committee in each ward to whom all cases should be reported. Any contributions of food or money or used clothing which is clean and mended and ready for use will be welcomed by the Association, and should be left at the rooms at the city hall.

Entertain your Thanksgiving Day guests at the Strand—"The Old Nest"—advertisement.

PROPOSALS BY U. S. STARTLE ENTIRE WORLD

AMERICA LAYS HER CARDS ON THE TABLE AT THE ARMA-MENT CONFERENCE.

Biggest Step to Outlaw War Starts

The conference of the powers on the limitation of armaments opened in Washington Saturday, and this conference, the largest ever held in this country and one that may be the most far reaching in the history of the world, was started when President Harding and Secretary of State Hughes put the cards of the United States on the table, so to speak, in their opening addresses to the conference.

Never before have the representatives of the nations listened to proposals that might have such far reaching results, when the delegates get down to real business. Real limitation of armaments which may have for its end the outlawing of war was the proposal of the United States, which fairly took away the breath of the delegates of the nations.

Following is President Harding's address to the conference; which may well be the beginning of a new era among the nations of the world:

"Mr. Secretary and members of the conference, ladies and gentlemen: It is a great and happy privilege to bid the delegates to this conference a cordial welcome to the capital of the United States of America. It is not only a satisfaction to greet you because we were lately participants in a common cause, in which shared sacrifices and sorrows and triumphs brought our nations more closely together, but it is gratifying to address you as the spokesmen for nations whose convictions and attending actions have so much to do with the weal or woe of all mankind.

"It is not possible to over-appraise the importance of such a conference. It is no unseemly boast, no disparagement of other nations which, though not represented, are held in highest respect, to declare that the conclusions of this body will have a signal influence on all human progress—on the fortunes of the world.

"Here is a meeting, I can well believe, which is an example of the awakened conscience of twentieth century civilization. It is not a convention of rumors, nor a session of sorrow. It is not the conference of victors to define terms of settlement. Nor is it a council of nations seeking to remake humankind. It is rather a coming together from all parts of the earth to apply the better attributes of mankind to minimize the faults in our international relationships.

"Speaking as official sponsor for the invitation, I think I may say the call is not of the United States of America alone, it is rather the spoken word of a war-weary world, struggling for restoration, hungering and thirsting for better relationship of humanity crying for relief and craving assurances of lasting peace.

"It is easy to understand this world-wide aspiration. The glory of triumph, the rejoicing in achievement, the love of liberty, the devotion to country, the pangs of sorrow, the burdens of debt, the desolation of ruin—all these are appraised alike in all lands. Here in the United States we are but freshly turned from the burial of an unknown American soldier, when a nation sorrowed while paying him tribute.

"Whether it was spoken or not, a hundred millions of our people were summarizing the inexcusable cause, the incalculable cost, the unspeakable sacrifices, and the unutterable sorrows, and there was the ever impelling question: how can humanity justify or God forgive? Human hate demands no such toll; ambition and greed must be denied it. If misunderstanding must take the blame, then let us banish it, and let understanding rule and make good will reign everywhere.

"All of us demand liberty and justice. There can not be one without the other, and they must be held the unquestioned possession of all peoples. Inherent rights are of God and the tragedies of the world originate in their attempted denial. The world today is infringing their enjoyment by arming to defend or deny, when simple sanity calls for their recognition through common understanding.

"Out of the cataclysm of the world war came new fellowships, new convictions, new aspirations. It is ours to make the most of them. A world staggering with debt needs its burden lifted. Humanity which has been shocked by wanton destruction would minimize the agencies of that destruction. Contemplating the measureless cost of war and the continuous (Continued on page two)